

ECE News Update – May 2023

PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential News

PK-3 ECE Community Circle – 06/12/23

The next PK-3 Community Circle is scheduled for **Monday, June 12, from 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**. Institutions of higher education that are working towards developing a PK-3 ECE Credential program and anyone from the field of early childhood education and teacher preparation are invited to participate. The PK-3 Community Circle is intended to be a space for discussion, information sharing, and connecting about the PK-3 ECE Credential. All are welcome! Please register for this event by using the [registration link](#). This link is also the sign-in link once registered. Mark your calendars today, and we hope to see you on Monday June 12th at 11:00!

PK-3 ECE Specialist Credential Regulations

On April 21, 2023, the Commission held a public hearing on proposed modifications to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations section 80067 and to create section 80067.1, 80067.2, and 80067.3 to implement the revised credential. The Commission approved the amendments recommended by staff that are identified in [Table 5 of the insert for agenda item 3I](#), which starts on page 14, as well as amendments on page 8 of the [original agenda item 3I](#) and the inclusion of the same majors for the PK-3 credential that are listed in the [Subject Matter Competency Regulations item](#) that was also taken up at the meeting. Commission staff will submit these regulations to the Office of Administrative Law for review and approval, and a Program Sponsor Alert will be posted when the proposed regulations become effective.

Prospective PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Program Proposal Submissions

Instructions for submitting a PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction program proposal are available on the [Initial Program Review webpage](#), including evidence guides for Program Standard 4, 7, and 8. Applications must be complete with all required documentation or will be returned. Formal approval of these programs can only take place once the regulations to establish the requirements for this credential have been approved by the Office of Administrative Law.

PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Resources

Several webinars have been held to facilitate the understanding of the requirements and standards related to the PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction credential. These are all available on the [PK-3 ECE Specialist Instruction Credential Webpage](#) in addition to an FAQ document. Recordings and resources have been added to this page.

Updates on Requirements for Teaching TK

[PSA 22-16](#) provides information on requirements and options for credentialed staff who are or who will be teaching in any of grades PK-3, inclusive, as well as the requirements under Education Code Section 48000 (g)(4) pertaining to teachers of Transitional Kindergarten classes.

ECE CalFTPAs News

Reminder: Spring session of Digging Deeper, Evidence-Based Best Practices in

Performance Assessment to be held Next Thursday

The Commission's Performance Assessment team will present its third session for 2022-23's Digging Deeper, focusing on the upcoming requirements for the PK-3 credential and its potential effects on preliminary programs' curriculum (both teaching and administrative services) on Thursday, May 11 from 1:00-2:00. Santa Clara County Office of Education personnel will share the approach they are using to understand and implement curriculum changes, followed by roundtable discussions on how the new credential will affect candidates' performance assessment submissions. [Registration for the event is now open.](#)

ECE PDG-R Pilots News

Update on ECE Design Team Work Under the PDG-R Grant

The ECE Teaching Performance Assessment Design Team (CalFTPA) held a Design Team meeting on January 17, 2023. The focus of the meeting was to examine whole child education in light of the ECE CalFTPA work and to solicit feedback from the workgroup regarding the Trainer of Trainers materials and training to take place August through December 2023. The ECE CalFTPA development work is ongoing through 2023. This work is part of a two-year process of designing and piloting a new formative ECE Teaching Performance Assessment that will be scored at the local level for candidates working towards the Teacher level of the Child Development Permit.

CDE Resources

California Department of Education (CDE) Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) Planning and Implementation Guidance

Information and resources for Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK) are posted at <https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/gs/em/>. Additionally, all guidance has been posted on the California Educators Together web page at <https://www.caeducatorstogether.org/groups/e0cfjrf/upk-p-3>. The CDE will release additional guidance on a rolling basis.

California Department of Education (CDE) Preschool Through Third Grade (P-3) Alignment Webpage and Bimonthly P-3 Newsletter

The CDE has developed a webpage to highlight the cross-sector work of alignment and coherence across grades and systems to improve coordination of policies and practices in preschool, across transitions to Transitional Kindergarten (TK) and Kindergarten, and through third grade and beyond. The [link](#) to the webpage is included for reference. In addition, CDE provides bimonthly newsletters that share information on department news related to the CDE's P-3 initiative, and include new resources and funding opportunities, spotlights on local P-3 implementation in action, and information on upcoming and recent P-3 related events. Please note that partner content is not endorsed by the CDE. To subscribe to the CDE's P-3 Listserv, email "subscribe" to subscribe-cdep3updates@mlist.cde.ca.gov.

CTC ECE Resources/Office Hours and Contact Information **ECE Webpage**

The [ECE Webpage](#) reflects the Commission's current ECE work as well as providing links to prior

webinars and other ECE-related events of note. Please take a moment to browse all the work that is ongoing and the updates.

[ECE Office Hours](#)

Commission staff are continuing to hold bimonthly office hours for the ECE stakeholder community. Office hours provide an opportunity when ECE staff will be available to respond to questions, comments, and other informational needs. ECE office hours will be held from 12-1 p.m. on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Here is the [zoom link](#) for accessing ECE office hours on the first Tuesday of each month and the [zoom link](#) for the third Tuesday of each month.

[To Contact your CTC ECE Team](#)

We are always happy to hear from you whether you have questions, comments, or suggestions. For general ECE questions, PK-3 Credential comments, suggestions, including assistance with the ECE Pilots: ECE@ctc.ca.gov. For ECE TPA-specific questions, comments, suggestions: ececaltpa@ctc.ca.gov.

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